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Desalting Processes**

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**STATUS INQUIRY**

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Applicant respectfully submits this inquiry as to the status of prosecution of the referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

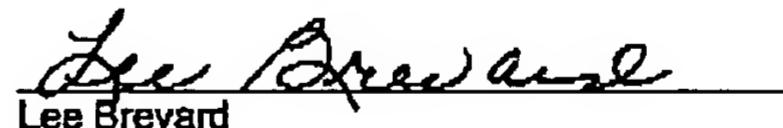


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